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Mr. Julius Genachowski,
Ms. Mignon Clyburn,
Mr. Robert M. McDowell,
Mr. Ajit Pai
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FCC Commissioners
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Genachowski et al.,

In your April 1 release you kindly invited comment regarding **Docket 13-86**: your proposal to reconsider the FCC's indecency standards. Thank you for taking the time to consider my suggestions.

Use-Mention Distinction

I would be greatly interested in seeing the FCC make a distinction between the “use” and “mention” of profanity, especially in the context of journalism. If a news agency is showing a clip, or reporting on a speech, they should be able to replay or say the word “fuck” instead of using a beep sound or “the f-word.” Journalists regularly transmit violent and gruesome images to accurately convey what is happening -- they should be equally free to accurately report on speech.

Fleeting Indecency

The FCC policy should not accept complaints regarding fleeting and isolated indecency. Especially in the context of live events it is unreasonable to expect networks to be able to detect and censor every expletive or instance of nudity.

Full Removal of the Indecency Policy

The best indecency policy that the FCC could have is no policy. Any policy necessarily limits expression, speech, and art. While I appreciate that many people do not want profanity broadcast into their homes, I reject that idea that their rights and preferences override mine. I don't choose what TV they watch; they shouldn't choose what TV I watch.

Yours sincerely,
David Glenn Harvey